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<i>Office Action Summary</i>	Application No. 09/659,264	Applicant(s) Joao
	Examiner Kenneth R. Rice	Group Art Unit 3627

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet beneath the correspondence address--

Period for Response

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a response be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to respond within the set or extended period for response will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/26/02.
- This action is FINAL.
- Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- Claim(s) 21-56 is/are pending in the application.
Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- Claim(s) 21-56 is/are rejected.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- See the attached Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.
- The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Status of Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
 - received.
 - received in Application No. _____.
 - received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Attachment(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449	<input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary, PTO-413
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Office Action Summary

PART III: REASONS FOR REJECTIONS AND OBJECTIONS

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 USC 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 21-56 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Benson. See below for a mapping of claim 21 to Benson. The remaining claims may be similarly mapped.

Claim 21:

An apparatus for providing subscription information, comprising:

a receiver for receiving a request to receive or pick-up at least one of

an issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, a good, and a service,

at a retail facility or store pursuant to a subscription,

wherein the request contains information regarding the subscription;

a processing device for processing the request,

wherein the processing device determines at least one of a status of the subscription and a number of at least one of an issue of at least one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a magazine, a good, and a service, remaining to be fulfilled pursuant to the subscription, and further where in the processing device generates a message in response to the request,

Benson:

system 100, column 6, line 43, provides for the rental (subscription) of software

rental server 107

software applications are goods or services

a retail facility or store (such as an Internet cafe) at which the customer uses the rental software is inherent

logging on to the computer to use the software after renting it constitutes the request

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column 7, lines 13-46

wherein the message contains information
regarding an authorization or a denial to
provide the at least one of an issue of at least
one of a periodical, a newspaper, and a
magazine, a good, and a service; and

column 7, lines 35-38

a transmitter for transmitting the message to a
point-of-sale transaction device located at the
retail facility or store.

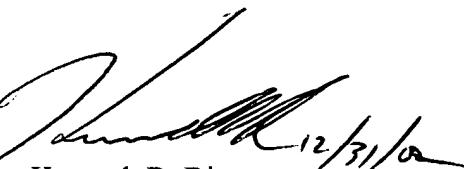
system 100 and rental server 107

Applicant's arguments filed November 26, 2002, have been fully considered but
they are not deemed to be persuasive. See the comments provided with the above
rejection.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time
policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS
ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS
OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY
ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH
SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY
PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED,
AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE
CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO
EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN
SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to Kenneth Rice at (703) 308-3495. Any inquiry of a general
nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group
receptionist at (703) 308-1113.



12/31/02
Kenneth R. Rice
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Art Unit 3627